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**From:** Steve Davis  
**Sent:** Tue 10/27/2015 6:12:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: NIOA 2016 conference  
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Nancy,

Right now Thursday looks very quiet on my calendar. If possible give me a call at your convenience and if I'm not right here at my desk, leave a message and I'll call you right back. The only other caveat would be as you know, if something goes down out on the street I would have to go.

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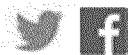
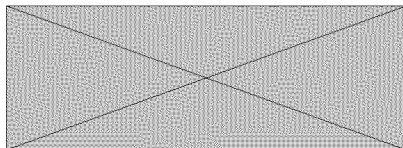
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**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** Steve Davis  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: NIOA 2016 conference

Hi Steve,

I would be pleased to talk with you more about this.

What is a good time this week?

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 6:25 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
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**From:** Steve Davis [mailto:stedav@lakewoodco.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:36 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** NIOA 2016 conference

Hi Nancy,

I'm the PIO for the Lakewood Colorado Police Department as well as a Regional Director for the National Information Officers Association - NIOA. I got your email address from Rusty Harris-Bishop.

Each year in August the NIOA holds a four-day training conference at which we have presentations from folks who have dealt with the media on some of the past year's biggest events. Those events range from mass shootings, weather related catastrophes, major fires, aircraft crashes and so on. The NIOA has a membership of approx. 750 PIOs and a conference attendance of just over 400. Our members include PIOs from just about every kind of agency you can think of including some from the corporate world.

I am also a member of the NIOA conference planning committee. We meet in January of each year to start the ball rolling on lining up the agenda for August's conference. It seems each year we hear from our members that the presentations are very heavily weighted with those from law enforcement type incidents. Because of that we are always looking to mix in presentations from, fire departments, schools, corporations and other government agencies.

I am compiling ideas for presentations to present to the NIOA Board of Directors in January. One of the situations that I think our organization might be very interested in would be the Gold King Mine incident. That said, our conference presentations are usually a "lessons learned" type of format in dealing with the media. I actually gave a presentation on dealing with the media at Columbine High School shootings years ago. I was the main spokesperson there.

To clarify, the presentations don't focus necessarily on the details of what happened as much as they focus on dealing with the media while under fire.

I would really like to talk to you about the possibility of you or whomever you feel would be the most appropriate person from the EPA, giving just such a presentation at this year's conference. For many reasons, I think it is a case study we would enjoy hearing about and could learn a great deal from. I've attached a copy of the conference brochure from last August's conference to give you an idea of the types of presentations we customarily have.

Rather than lengthen this email additionally, please give me a call when you have a few minutes or let me know where and when I could call you to answer any questions.

Thanks Nancy.

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